## In the Claims:

- 1. (currently amended) Method for the production of a three-dimensional preform having a final three dimensional target shape, from textile starting materials such as fibers, fiber bundles or tapes, wherein:
- a) the fiber <del>geometry and</del> orientation <u>and the geometry</u> in a two-dimensional <del>bonded</del> fabric is determined by back-calculation from the final thee-dimensional target shape,
- b) the textile starting materials are laid two-dimensionally in a plane to manufacture a two-dimensional bonded fabric, whereby the textile starting materials are laid such that the orientation of the fibers of the textile starting material and the geometry of the two-dimensional bonded fabric are as back-calculated from the three-dimensional target shape in step a),
- c) the final three-dimensional target shape is produced by <u>at least one of shaping</u> and <u>draping shaping/draping</u> of the two-dimensional <del>bonded</del> fabric.
- 2. (currently amended) Method as claimed in claim 1, wherein after step <u>c</u>) [[b)]], a compacting is performed.
- 3. (previously presented) Method as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein fibers, fiber bundles or tapes are used as textile starting materials.

- 4. (currently amended) Method as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2, wherein mechanical fixing means and/or a binder are used for fixing the textile starting materials.
- 5. (currently amended) Method as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein pins, clamp elements, adhesive strips or brushes are used as fixing means <u>for fixing the</u> textile starting materials.
- 6. (previously presented) Method as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the textile starting materials are fixed by sewing.
- 7. (currently amended) Method as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the textile starting materials are fixed by the introduction of a binder before, during or after the shaping/draping chosen shaping or draping process of step c).
- 8. (previously presented) Method as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein pre-impregnated textile materials such as fibers or fiber bundles are used as textile starting materials.
- 9. (currently amended) Method as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein after step b) of the method, the two-dimensional bonded fabric is removed and fed to the three-dimensional shaping/draping process of step c).
- 10. (canceled)